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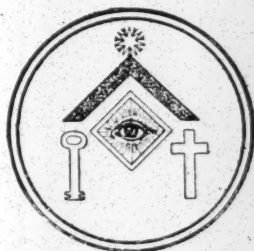
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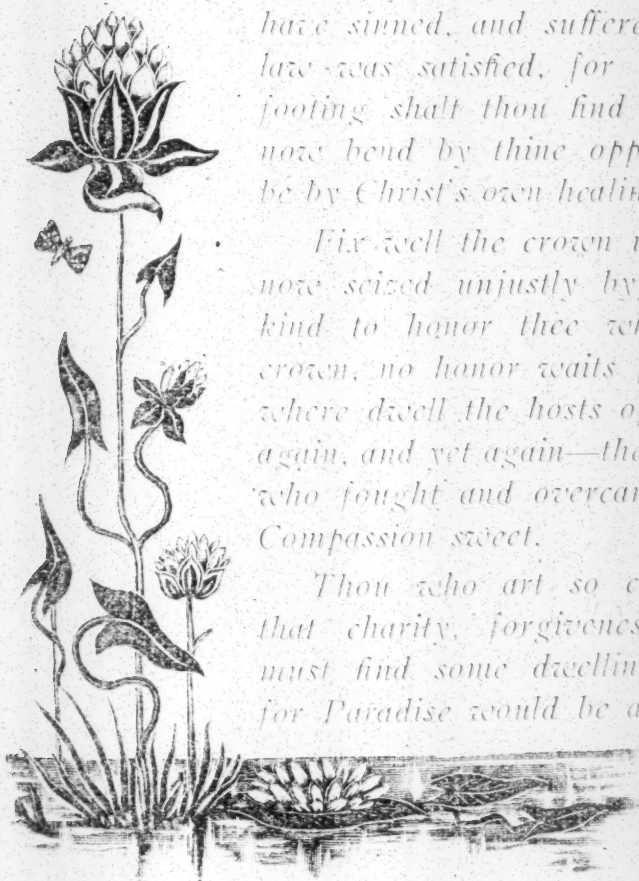
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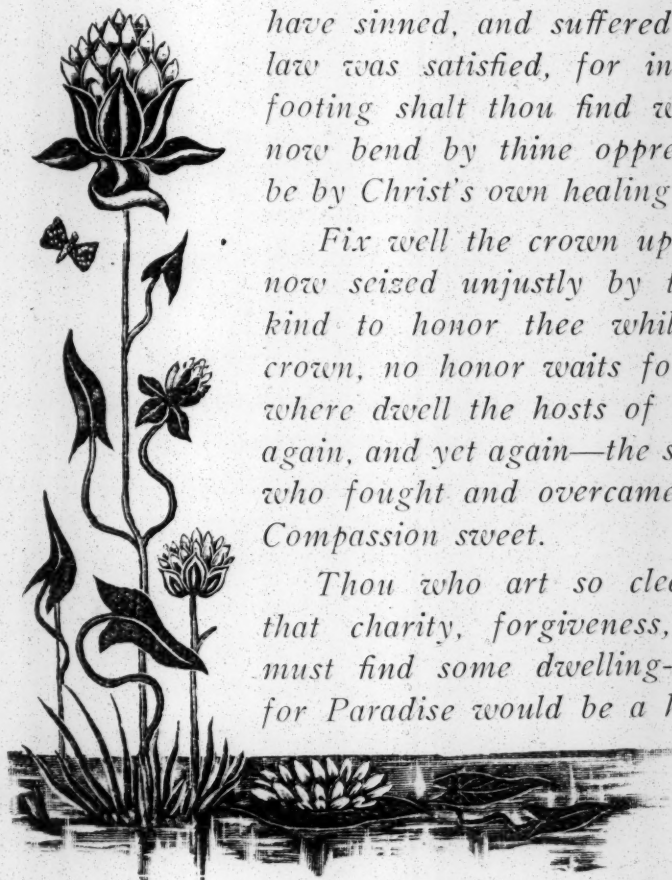
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TEMPLE APHORISMS.

Days come and days go, but if thou watchest thou shalt see:

The load thou hast laid on the heart of a friend will God transfer to thine own heart; heavy as it presses on the heart of thy friend, heavier will it press on thine own heart in the days to come.

The stone thou hast cast from the path of the blind will smite the adder lying in wait for thee.

The weight thou hast clamped on the feet of another will drag thine own feet into Hadean desolation.

The shelter thou has given the wayfarer will protect thee from the fiercest of life's storms.

The jewel thou hast stolen from the strong-box of another will burn and torture the breast wherein it is hid.

The bread thou hast given the hungry holds the substance of many loaves for thee.

The lie whereby thou hast gained an end will eat out thine own vitals.

The tears thou drawest from others' eyes will mark deep furrows down thine own face.

The shoe-latch thou hast fastened for the halt and lame will bind the hands of thine enemies.


The fire thou dost feed to scorch another will consume thee in its flames.

The law of right can ne'er be thwarted long.

That which thou hast sown, that shalt thou gather, whether it be in joy or sorrow, pain or peace.

Thou mayest plan the hour of planting—the hour of gathering must needs be struck by the hand of God.

I have said.

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THE LAW OF RHYTHM.

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The idea of connecting the law of rhythm with the law of cycles would not occur to the average thinker, yet they are elder twin sons of the universal Father-mother—Motion. Every vibra-

tion of all the matter of the four kingdoms of nature moves in perfect rhythm—in unconscious devotion to divine law. However minute the atom, molecule, cell or organ of force or substance the fohatic energy which has forced it into outer expression has set up a swing to and fro, inward and outward, in exact measure at its ultimate centre. If that measure is broken there is a change in the constitution of the force or substance involved. If the measure is increased or decreased beyond a certain marked degree an unnatural condition obtains, unnatural as far as the object is concerned; for instance, if it were possible for man to increase the mass motion common to the cells of the heart beyond a certain definite degree that heart would disappear entirely from the physical body as far as the physical senses are concerned. If the motion was decreased the effect would be as pronounced, but instead of the form of a heart being manifest to the psychic senses on the higher astral plane, as would be the case in the first instance, it would only be manifest to the same senses on the lower astral; and what is true in relation to the heart is equally true of every atom of matter.

One difference between the Cyclic law and the law of Rhythm lies in the different directions—courses—taken by the energy or the object in the accomplishment of a given purpose. The Cyclic law directs certain forms of energy and matter in a circular course; Rhythmic law impels the degrees of matter it acts within to a forward and backward motion and sets the bounds of movement. Cyclic law directs energy *into* required circular channels; the law of Rhythm directs the course of force—and substance—*within* those channels.

In music we have the best illustration of the action of the law of Rhythm. Cyclic law governs Time; the law of Rhythm governs the length of the intervals between tones. Cyclic law determines the length of a life of a man; Rhythmic law directs the qualities active in the intervals between the definite changes in that life, as, for instance, the direction of the changes occurring in the intervals between infancy, youth, middle age, and old age. The Rhythmic law directs the act of breathing by its to and fro action on the cells of the breath centers; the Cyclic law directs the course of the constituents of the air drawn into the lungs by breathing and the course of the blood stream as it enters and leaves the heart, and it does so as completely as it directs the course of the stars in their orbit around the sun.

These homely illustrations of the action of these two great universal laws may be confusing to young students, but it is only by bringing complex truths into concrete examples that it is possible to give the mentality a form it is capable of cognizing and therefore capable of using to solve some of the mysteries of the constitution of matter from the interior as well as the exoteric standpoint. The breathing of the advanced neophyte is purposely and intelligently regulated by means of his knowledge of the action of Rhythmic law, for the accomplishment of a definite end. Once the mysteries of the Cyclic and the Rhythmic laws are even relatively grasped the mystery of the constitution of the substance-matter of the four lower of the seven planes of life become less dense.

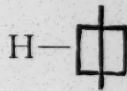
The slightly tinged sap of a sugar tree bears little resemblance to the hard brown sugar formed by means of motion, imparted by boiling. The consistency of the sap gradually changes according to the intensity and time of the applied heat—vibration. The various planes of matter are different degrees of condensation of the ether—universal world sap; condensed by means of the 49 Fires into grosser or finer forms or degrees of substance, but are all as subject to the great cyclic and rhythmic laws as are the objects of the before given illustration.

You will find many more exact and scientifically accurate illustrations of these same truths in other forms of literature, but when they are deprived of all garnishment, involved statements and technical terms they will convey the same basic truths herein revealed.

It is not a difficult task to prove beyond cavil to one's own consciousness the remarkable effect on the sense of feeling by persistent use of a set form of rhythmic breathing, and thereby to gain some concept of the effects produced by rhythm on a world or universe which is constantly subject to the action of rhythm in every atom of its form.

No matter how prolonged a sound may be there must occur an interval between that sound and another sound of the same origin. If your sense of sight is acute enough you will see the flash of light which at once succeeds the sound and which fills the interval between the two sounds. These flashes of light hold the key to the action of the law of Rhythm. The ability to gauge the power of the energy—Light—thus precipitated and therefore to gauge the correct intervals—the right rhythmic vibrations,

(when sound is to be used for accomplishing some definite purpose by a trained occultist) gives the latter a tremendous advantage over other men.



SOCIAL SCIENCE.

MY DREAM OF FATHER.

"Now comes the time when we dream dreams and will our ways."

To me a vision differs from a dream, insofar that a vision is a picture impressed upon our consciousness by the Lodge forces for the purpose of impressing upon us an important lesson or principle.

A dream is an astral experience, though it may embody an important lesson or principle.

Not long ago while lying on my pillow courting sleep and occupying my mind in the interim thinking on the social and economic questions that habitually occupy my time and thought, I wondered what are the astral conditions of those earnest workers who are ever striving for the realization of their altruistic ideals, as well as the astral condition of those who opposed them and all other reforms.

As I fell asleep with these thoughts in mind, I found upon awaking, that I had been upon the astral with my father, and that we together, had an interesting experience.

I found myself entering a dingy little cobbler shop and there saw father pegging away as vigorously as was his custom while in the physical life, but with a dissatisfied expression upon his face. As I crossed the threshold, he looked up from his work and greeted me with

"Hello, Poul; where did you come from?" then in the next breath, after sizing me up with a quick glance, he continued:

"My, but you look slick and prosperous."

To which I replied:

"Yes, I am doing real well, Father."

"Well," he said, "I am getting blamed tired of this everlasting cobbling; it seems to me that I never get through; I don't know how long I have been at it, but I do know that it is longer than I like, and that I am blamed tired of it. I don't seem to be doing so well since they have taken away my pension, at any rate I don't get it any more."

"It seems strange to me," I replied, "that you should be complaining; I thought that I was the only growler in the family; I can well remember the time when you would correct me for complaining that we workers were all slaves. I thought that you were in heaven."

"Heaven!" he interrupted with feeling. "Hell, you mean."

"No, really, father, I don't mean hell; I mean just what I say. For it is written, 'As a man soweth, so shall he reap.'"

"And are you not now enjoying the ideal conditions that you in your earth life struggled for? Are these not the very conditions that you voted for in season and out of season when you so faithfully supported the Republican party and foisted upon us these very conditions of slavery that you now complain of?"

With exasperation and disgust father broke in with:

"I am tired of your everlasting harping on politics: everything that you talk about is mixed up in politics. I fought in the last war to preserve our country. I fought for the flag of 'The home of the true and the brave.' I voted for the Republican party because I did not want the other party to get in. Did not the Republican party give us old soldiers our pensions? Besides what has the election of a President to do with my shoemaking?" Then cooling down some and wishing to work upon my sympathy he continued in another vein:

"Now see here, Poul, my son. I am getting old, too old to work any longer; you are rich, I can see it on you; it won't make any difference to you in one way or another, if one or more eats at your table, besides I don't eat much anyway, and that little won't cost you much. Now be a good boy and take your poor old father home with you and let him have a little ease in his old days; you must not forget that I cared for you when you was little and helpless."

To this I answered, saying:

"Yes, I realize all that you have said and my mission here is for this very purpose of taking you out of this very condition. But before I can do so, I must first correct some of your erroneous ideas. You say that politics has nothing whatever to do with it. But the fact remains that politics as you are pleased to call it has everything to do with it.

"It is written, 'As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.'"

"Now since you in your earth life did nothing for any one else, and you seemed to have only thought of your own comfort,

regardless of conditions of those suffering about you, you now find yourself in the very condition that those less fortunate than yourself were in, whom you could have helped but would not.

You seemed never to realize that to enjoy the luxuries of one millionaire, you must pay the price of at least one thousand paupers. As long as things were a little worse for some one else than it was for you, you were contented and consoled yourself with the thought that 'Well, I am not as hard up as they.' But now things are different. You find that none are worse off than yourself, so that it now chafes you. I don't say this complainingly, but I wish to impress you with these thoughts, so that when you are in our Socialistic state where I intend taking you, you will realize that only by working for the happiness and welfare of others and not your own will you get yourself out of this condition."

Then by some unseen force we were taken to that condition where the ideals of the socialists were in full operation.

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P. K. MOHR.

(Concluded in next number)

THEOGENESIS.

Commentaries on the Nine New Stanzas of Dzyan, given by the Master Morya to the Temple of the People for the New Humanity.

Stanza V, Sloka 1. And wilt thou then make bold to cross my will? cried Fohat in his rage. Wilt thou dare the wrath of the Shining Face and his circling hosts? Take heed lest I set down my foot so hard the bridge 'twixt the Gods and men be broken; then cans't thou no longer minister to man, or strike the full toned chord.

COMMENTARY.

Fohat as has pointed is cosmical Kamic energy. The driving power of nature—Kamic Motive Desire on a universal scale, inhering in worlds and atoms, men and gods and all creatures.

It is also a BRIDGE between the higher and lower planes, between spirit and matter so-called. Across this Fohatic bridge the celestial fires and forces pass downward and the terrestrial purified emanations or desires pass upward either to the higher self or higher planes.

Fohat may also be regarded as IMPERSONAL ENERGY or WILL

either of man or nature. Primarily impersonal, that Will or energy is COLORLESS, but is colored or tintured with and by desires, personal desires, so to speak, of gods or men, or entitized life generally.

For the consciousness of man to cross the Fohatic bridge his desires must be purified and then consciousness inreaches to the Fifth or Manasic plane or Self in man, or to Mahat, Higher Universal Mind in the Cosmical field. Likewise, when the human or lower desires are purified the light of the Fifth may descend or shine into the lower mind and illumine it across the Great Bridge. Truly it can be seen how important to keep this bridge of energy intact,—energy and yet a SUBSTANCE as well. Across that Great Fohatic Bridge which spans the gulf between spirit and matter pours the spiritual forces of the infinite into the finite ever regenerating and transmuting it and finally drawing it upward REDEEMED,—back to its primal divine origin or parent. The CROSSING of the Will of Fohat referred to in the Stanza above is the inverted downward tendency of matter to absorb DEITY into PERSONALITY—or to make the lower or personal ego dominant instead of subordinate. Were this done no high currents or forces could be transmitted, Fohatic will would be so soiled and chaotic that the Bridge would be broken “’twixt gods and men,” between the Higher and Lower Self. Fohatic energy, pure impersonal spiritual Will, would suffer a reaction through loss of polarity, and the “foot would be set down so hard” as to rupture the connection. The evolution of man and of the Cosmic and even of Deity itself depends upon that Fohatic Bridge being kept intact that the ever outflowing forces of Divine light and radiant energy may go on ceaselessly generating and regenerating the “image of God” the lower planes and all creatures, in the end that greater spiritual power energy, Light and wisdom may be lifted to the storehouse of Eternal God or Good.

W. H. D.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

"No Star is lost we once have seen, We always may be what we might have been."



Learn wisdom, patience, love. Be all thou aspirest to be. Be all thou canst be.

Blessed are thou, O man, when affliction assail thee; for then wilt thou reflect upon the uslesness of vain ambitions that chain thee to the change and decay of earthly condition.

ALICE HENDERSON.



The more difficulties one meets with in the world the more perfect one becomes. The more you plough and dig in the ground, the more fertile it becomes. The more you cut the branches of a tree, the higher and stronger it grows. The more you put the gold in the fire, the purer it becomes. The more you sharpen the steel by grinding, the better it cuts. Therefore the more sorrow one sees, the more perfect one becomes. That is why in all times the prophets of GOD have had tribulations and difficulties to withstand. The more often the captain of a ship is in the tempest and difficult sailing, the greater his knowledge becomes. Therefore I am happy that you have had great tribulations and difficulties, of this I am very happy—that you have had many sorrows. Strange it is that I love you and am still happy that you have had sorrow.

—Portion of a Tablet from Abdul-Baha.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Temple Builders—No. 128

IF! IF! IF!

If every boy and every girl
Arising with the sun,
Should plan this day to do alone
The good deeds to be done.

Should scatter smiles and kindly words,
Strong helpful hands should lend,
And to each others wants and cries
Attentive ears should bend.

If every man and woman, too
Should join these workers small;
Oh! what a flood of happiness
Upon our earth would fall.

How many homes would sunny be
Which now are filled with care;
And joyous smiling faces too
Would greet us everywhere.

I do believe the very sun
Would shine more clear and bright;
And every little twinkling star
Would shed a softer light.

But we instead of't watch to see
If other folks are true,
And thus neglect so much that God
Intends for us to do.

—M. K. L.

"THE CHRIST HAILS YOU."

There has just been received from the Lodge a message under the above title and also an instruction regarding Christmas. These have been printed in pamphlet form, with a color design of white and gold and the Lodge Signature as a Crest, with the hope that

by this medium some of the Temple Spirit may be spread at the coming Christmas.

It now remains for Templars to see that this is sent to the world. It can be used generally as a token of remembrance as it is free from any element that might clash with any particular religious belief.

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Regular classes in Mathematics, Music and Biological Chemistry have been started at the Temple Centre for members. All of the above subjects will be correlated with fundamental occultism and the teaching ultimately compiled into text books on the subject. Franklin Wolff leads the class in Mathematics. Mrs. J. W. Dower in Music, and Dr. Dower in Biological Chemistry. Mrs. F. A. La Due will teach in all of the classes and prepare lessons bearing on both the exoteric and esoteric aspects of the

subjects. Some practical laboratory work will be a feature of the courses. The meetings are held once a week at 3 P. M. Wednesdays at the pottery building. As these classes progress notice in detail will be furnished members through the medium of the Artisan.

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Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Scofield have built a nice cosy bungalow and are now resident at the Centre, for good.

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Clarence Dennis, the devoted brother who has so faithfully and devotedly worked at the Centre for the past ten years, helping to upbuild and sustain in every possible way, is taking a much needed vacation and trip which will include seeing the Panama Pacific Exposition and then on to Seattle, his old home, for a time.

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Brother W. H. Townsend spent a week at the Fair, returning on November 9th, last.

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Miss H. A. Farrar has hied away to Los Angeles for the winter.

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Mrs. F. A. La Due has returned from San Francisco and is now at the Halcyon Sanatorium where she is improving in health.

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Mrs. Margaret Harrison, after sustaining a severe injury to the knee from the kick of a colt, had the self-same colt run away with her, tip the wagon over, and throw her against a telegraph pole, dislocating her right shoulder and causing other less serious injuries. She was brought to the Halcyon Sanatorium, her dislocated shoulder reduced, and after a stay of two weeks was able to return home and resume most of her duties.

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Mrs. L. Awerdick is also returned from San Francisco, Palo Alto and the Fair, refreshed and recuperated for more good work.

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Mr. Edgar Cheatham, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Agnes Varian also visited the Fair and comrades and friends in the North with much benefit to themselves. All are now back to the Centre functioning the constructive forces as usual.

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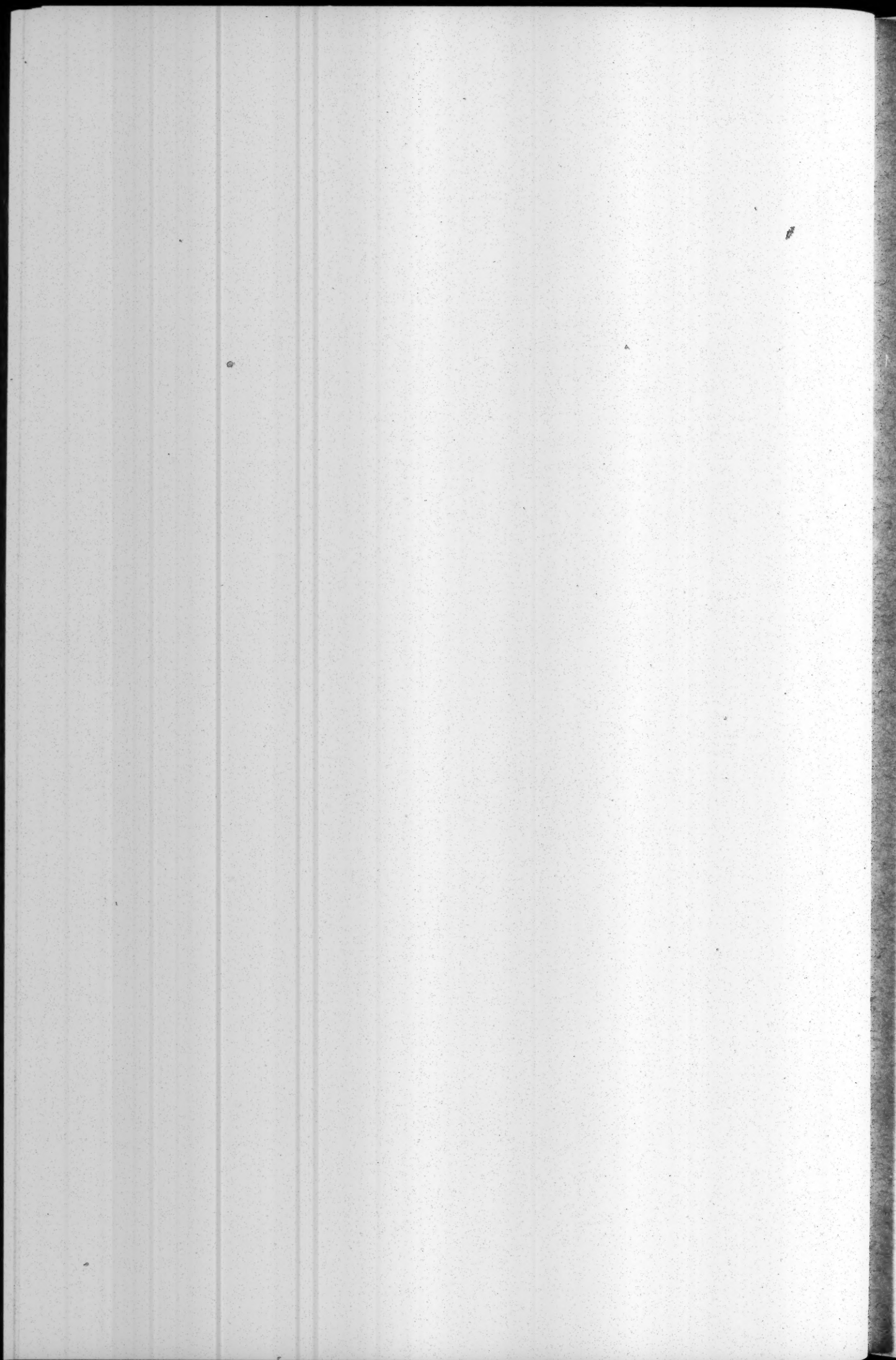
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